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Positive DNA match confirmed by officials in 1993 murder case

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Pike County Sheriff Russell Thomas and Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Gary McAliley announced during a press conference in Troy, Ala., last Friday, Jan. 27, that they have a positive DNA match in the 1993 murder of Mrs. Edna Youngblood Reeves.

The 74-year-old woman was brutally murdered in her home, a hundred yards off Highway 87, in the Springhill Community between Elba and Troy.

While neither official would comment to questions on who the suspect might be, where he is at the present time, etc., they did say the man was not in Pike

County at that time.

They also added that at the time of Mrs. Reeves murder the suspect in this case had been released from an Alabama state prison some 59 days prior to the rape, strangulation and murder.

Sheriff Thomas and DA McAliley both had praise for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and gave the staff of that office full credit for matching crime scene evidence with the suspect.

The sheriff said that with the DNA match and all the other evidence collected from

the crime scene, he feels certain they can prove the identity of the person responsible for the rape and murder of Mrs. Reeves.



Pictured left to right addressing the media during a noon Friday press conference are District Attorney Gary McAliley, Pike County Sheriff Russell Thomas and Laura and Rob Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Edna Reeves.

Representing the State of Alabama Coffee County 4-H Meat Judging Team places fifth at national competition

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County 4-H Meat Judging Team traveled to Denver, Colorado in early January to compete in the National Western Stock Show and represented the county and state very well by bringing home a fifth place standing in this national competition.

The meat judging team consists of five very talented young ladies, including: Brianna Bailey, age 16, of Elba High School and daughter of Greg and Vicki Bailey; Tierney Starks, age 15, of Elba High School and daughter of James and Leslie Starks; Donna and Keri Flowers, both age 17, of Zion Chapel High School and daughters of Don and Linda Flowers; and Michelle Jones, age 16, of Enterprise High School and daughter of Glen and Nancy Jones.

"As one might expect, we're very proud of our team," said Stan Windham, coordinator of the Coffee County extension office and sponsor for the meat judging team. "One of the goals in 4-H is to get our youth out of the county. We believe our kids here in Coffee County can compete with anybody."

Windham said it is hard to compete nationally in some things, but 4-H offers a variety of ways youngsters can compete nationally to see how they stack up against the rest of the nation.

"I'd say they (meat judging team) stacked up very well," he

said. "And, they are capable of even better things."

The team left Coffee County on Tuesday, Jan. 3, headed to Denver for the competition. Upon returning home Sunday, Jan. 8, the young ladies had received a fifth place standing in the overall competition.

Windham said there were 21 teams that competed. The top five states from the competition were: 1) Texas; 2) Colorado; 3) New Mexico; 4) Kentucky; and 5) Alabama (Coffee County).

During the competition, Windham said the team had to

identify 30 meat cuts, place six classes and defend three classes in oral reasons.

Among the team's honors were a second place standing for oral reasons, third place standing for class placings and fifth place standing for meat identification.

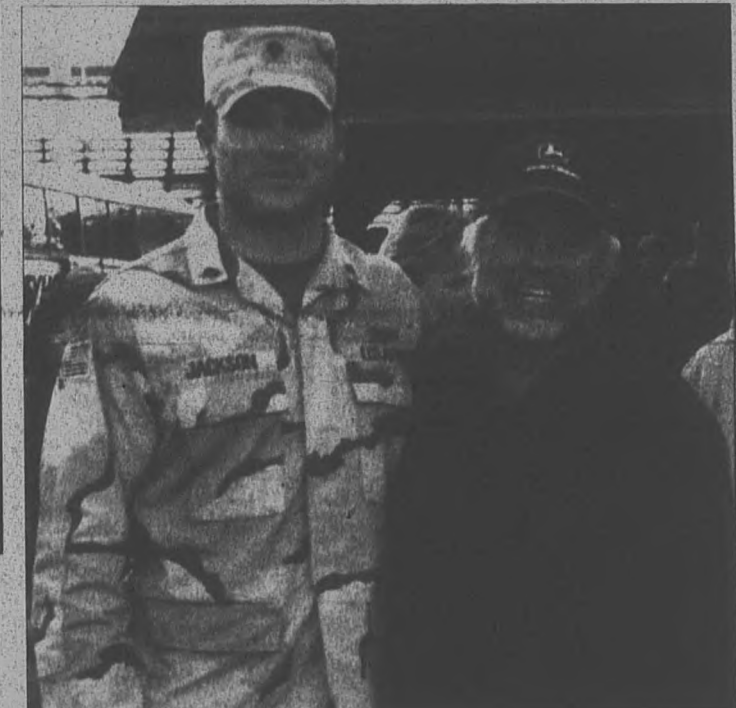
Windham said the team started preparing for competition last April. He said they worked through July with the district competitions in June and the state competition in July. The team had to be in the top two at the state level to qualify for the national competition.

After taking a short break in August, Windham said the team went back to work in late September preparing for the January competition in Denver.

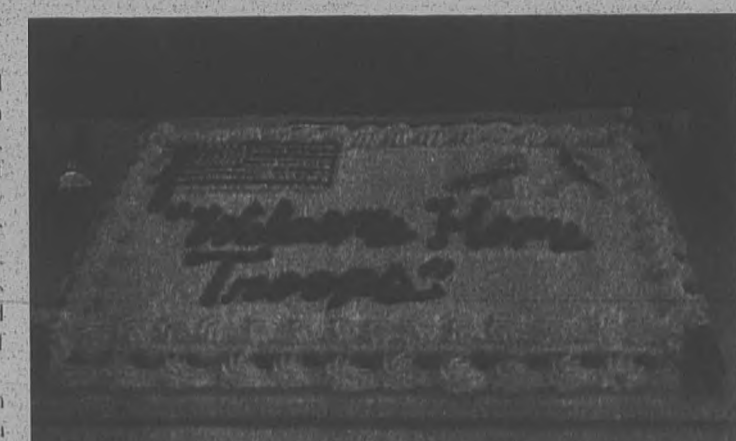
Sponsors for the trip included Auburn University, SunSouth Bank, Enterprise branch, National Security Group of Elba, Coffee County Cattlemen's Association, Coffee County Farmers Federation, Doug Robbins Builders (Navarre Beach, Fla.) and Flack-Haney Forest Products of Elba.

"We're very lucky here in Coffee County to have such a great support system," said Windham. "It's pretty rare for me not to find plenty of support here. In Coffee County, when it has to do with a child the support is going to be there whether it's the parents, businesses, schools, media, politicians, etc."

Elba National Guard troops return from Iraq



Specialist Ryan Scott Jackson is welcomed home Tuesday by his very happy dad. An overflowing group of family and friends turned out to welcome the troops home from Iraq.



"WELCOME HOME TROOPS" was on the cake, placards, shirts, lips and hearts Tuesday afternoon at the Troy National Guard armory Tuesday afternoon.

After 15 months active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom the 120 soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery returned home to family and friends.

Prior to official dismissal the soldiers heard Major General Gary Quick commend them for a job well done. The general also noted that they all returned home safely because they were well trained and wisely followed the things learned during their training throughout their year in Iraq.

Area Happenings

A SEND-OFF RECEPTION in honor of Elba's Casey Medlock will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2-4 p.m. at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office as she prepares to represent Coffee County at the Alabama Junior Miss Scholarship program in Birmingham. The send-off reception is open to the public.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF JACK WILL BE SPONSORING the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants Saturday, April 1, at the Zion Chapel auditorium. There will be a parent/contestant orientation meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Zion Chapel auditorium. The categories are as follows: Future Little Miss, 4 years-kindergarten; Little Miss, 1st graders only; Junior Miss, 7th-10th graders; and Miss, 17 years-21 years. For more information, contact Shae Dewberry at 735-2099 or Kayla Deal at 897-8412, members of Altrusa International, Inc. of Jack.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will sponsor a "financial aid information night" for senior parents Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. This will be a great opportunity for parents to get financial aid information and the federal/pell grant forms.

NOTICE

The Coffee County Cattlemen Association will offer each roast for sale by the pound on Feb. 10, prior to the annual Cattlemen's banquet. The meat is being sold in five pound increments.

Orders must be prepaid and received by Feb. 9th at the New Brockton Extension office. The address to mail checks is: Stan Windham, 5 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. For additional information call 334-894-5596.



OPEN FOR FITNESS...Elba's newest business celebrated its grand opening Monday, Jan. 23, with a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. With more than 9,000 locations worldwide, Amanda Ford joined the Curves family by opening a Curves on the square in Elba. Located at 217 Court Avenue, Curves is considered a thirty-minute fitness commonsense weight loss program providing the support to do both. Those attending the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Josh Wilson, Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant, Mary McMillan, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw, Laurie Chapman, Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham (filling in for Mayor James Grimes), Febreka Tillis, Margaret Haire, Sara Mims, Amanda Ford (owner/operator), Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Doris Matthews, Miss Elba Kendall Sunson, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Eva Medlock - administrative assistant for the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Herby McCall.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

It appears that Governor Riley's plan to spend some \$500 million from the Education Trust Fund this year on improving Alabama school buildings goes against the grain of many in (and outside of) the legislature. The plan has been called "politics" — which it truly is. Yet the protests against the spending plan also have political motivations. So the question now is just whose politics is a citizen to support, or which proposal is good politics and which proposal is bad politics. What Alabama voters need to decide before calling their legislator is "which set of politics is better for Alabama schools?" Once a voter has made that decision, they can hit the phones, U.S. mail or whatever, to make their feelings known and can back up the opinion with sound reasons.

The U.S. Supreme Court now has a new justice, about the 110th time someone was appointed to one of these lifetime positions. Our e-mail and fax machine have been hit today with a number of statements from politicians praising the successful appointment. As late as yesterday the tone of our e-mails (from the opposition of course) were that there was a groundswell of opposition to the pending appointment and it would prevail. That didn't happen. After all the gnashing of teeth by one of our national lawmakers and others making utter fools of themselves, Samuel Alito is now a sitting justice. President Bush had let it be known he wanted Alito confirmed before his State of the Union address to Congress Tuesday night... and he got it. Now Americans can watch decisions from the so-called "redefined" court and find out if the sky is really falling.

Coretta Scott King has died. The widow of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. was a credit to her husband's memory and to society. While many people tried to twist the memory of Dr. King for their own benefit and gain, this lady continued to... well be a lady. Enough said.

It is amazing what law enforcement can do with DNA evidence. It is better than fingerprints. The announcement last week by the Pike County Sheriff that the brutal 1993 killing of Mrs. Edna Reeves had been solved with DNA evidence is a case in point. Sheriff Thomas nor DA Gary McAliley would release the name, nor circumstances of solving the murder, but rumors abound. If any of our readers haven't heard one or more of the "inside" stories, just walk down the street and ask the next three people you meet, your itch will be scratched.

New owner Chris Foley is in the middle of remodeling The Elba Florist building. From what we see so far it is going to be nice. We offer our congratulations. It helps all of Elba when a business or homeowner makes such visible improvements.

What has become known as "The Playground Project" at the site of the old Elba High School is still in the need of financial donations. After the removal of the materials from the demolished school, foundation problems were found and are going to cost extra money to eliminate. Help if you can.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one death investigation, two for domestic violence, two for theft of property, one burglary, one lost property, one criminal trespassing, one throwing a rock-missile-bomb and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, JAN. 23** - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24 - Roving stage - 9:36 feet (6:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Morrow Village (8:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 329 Brunson Circle (4:29 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25 - Wreck reported in the Big/Little East parking lot (6:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1498 County Rd. 124 (11:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1855 Hickman Ave. (12:31 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 57

County Rd. 418 (3:34 a.m.);

Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2738 Hickman Ave. (10:16 a.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 27 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 1606 Powell Circle (11:28 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 28 - Domestic disturbance reported at 841 County Rd. 249 (12:01 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Buford St. and Claxton Ave. (7:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Buford St. and Claxton Ave. (7:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 632 Claxton Ave. (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 641 Jackson Ave. (8:21 a.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 29 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (1:04 a.m.); Wreck reported at the dollar store at the intersection of Martin Luther King Dr. and Taylor Mill Rd. (7:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Martin Luther King Dr. and Taylor Mill Rd. (7:14 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Elba Villas (10:55 p.m.).

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Reversing rural America's Methamphetamine epidemic

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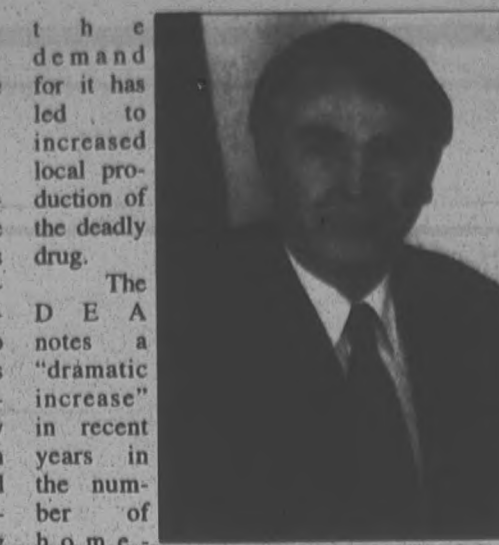
Rural America is experiencing an epidemic in "home brewed" illegal drugs that is breaking up families and ruining lives. Local law enforcement is challenged to keep up with this scourge which is largely fed by localized production of illicit drugs from readily available ingredients. In December, Congress stepped into the battle against methamphetamine abuse by passing legislation restricting access to legal medications used to make this illegal drug.

Methamphetamine or "meth" is a powerful stimulant that produces a strong sense of exhilaration in the user. It is not only highly addictive but extremely dangerous. It attacks the brain and central nervous system resulting in neural damage and a potentially lethal increase in body temperature. Long-term consequences of meth abuse commonly include periods of violent behavior, anxiety, confusion, insomnia, hallucinations, and suicide.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), methamphetamine is not only rural America's biggest drug threat, but Alabama's as well. Meth production has taken root in rural areas where it can be more easily hidden from view. While drug enforcement efforts have helped stem meth supplies from foreign sources,

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Congressman Everett

north Alabama and along our state's southern border including the Wiregrass. Not surprisingly, meth abuse is driving increases in other crimes ranging from violent assault to theft. Meth abuse has also been linked to instances of child abuse. The home meth labs used

to cook up the deadly cocktail also represent a direct danger to law enforcement through chemical burns, fire and explosions. Some are even "booby-trapped" to deliberately injure law enforcement.

Meth abuse has become so widespread due to the availability of ingredients used to create it. In fact, readily accessible over-the-counter cold medications containing pseudoephedrine are key to its production in home labs. To counter this misuse of legal medications for illegal purposes,

Alabama recently passed legislation limiting the purchase of certain cold medicines using pseudoephedrine, restricting the amount of such medications that can be purchased (except for liquid and gel versions which cannot be used to make meth) and requiring the buyer to present identification. News reports indicate that the new law may be having a positive effect in reducing the number of meth labs in the state.

In December, the U.S. House passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, as part of the Patriot Act. It follows Alabama's lead in limiting access to pseudoephedrine medications nationwide while strengthening penalties for meth-related offenses. It channels to states \$495 million over a five year period to fight meth abuse, and it provides states \$40 million over two years to assist children living in meth abusing families. Separately, Congress also passed \$63 million as part of the 2006 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations Act to fight meth production and distribution and target drug "hot spots".

Everyone has a stake in seeing an end to deadly meth abuse. It is an epidemic which

has gripped the heartland of America and rural Alabama is increasingly on the front lines. Congress, working with state and local law enforcement, is determined to rid our communities and our families of the tragic grip of methamphetamine.

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BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs., 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Call 565-9770 or visit the website www.inobaptist.com.

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more info.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.

• WATER ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues., 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on site on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett-Elba.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues., 5:30 p.m. - Super Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri, 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 904-5551.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House.

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M. the FBO office at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

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This is not a real common thing, but it happens more than it should.

The problem with my situation is that I had a child in the middle of the road. He had exited the bus and was crossing the street for home. The car changed lanes from the middle to the outside lane and kept going.

The child never stopped walking and the driver never stopped his car. This is the closest I have had to having a child run over after exiting my bus.

When you are in the driver

seat, blowing your horn, calling to the child and watching as neither the child nor car stops, it is a bad, helpless and upsetting feeling. This makes me wonder if the driver would even stop if he sees children in the road without a school bus.

PLEASE let me beg all drivers when you see a school bus. Slow down and look to see if you see lights whether they are yellow for caution or red for STOP. Even if children cross streets everyday of their lives and are trained to look and wait for cars, they know that cars are supposed to stop for school buses and not look at me immediately. This child had going

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Local author plans book signing in Elba

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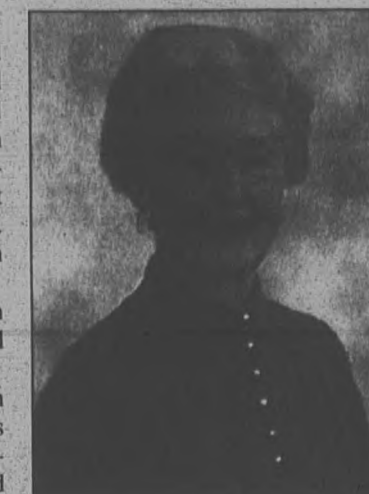
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Chihuahua, Molly Mouse. She will be having a book signing at the Briar Patch & Garden Shoppe in Elba on Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. One of the books she will be selling is a short story about a little dog named "Little Bit" who was lost and found, and her adventures in between. The next book is called "The Rough Road". It is about a missing woman who

was later found brutally murdered and the detective who solves the crime.

"Sam and Sally Visit Planet Earth" is the first in a series about two green mice from the planet Tantara who come earth with some scientists who have been studying planet Earth.

The spaceship lands in Costa Rica where unfortunately the mice are left behind when the spaceship returns to Tantara. The short book will teach youth about each country Sam and Sally visit.

Martha has had these books self published and is selling them at cost as a tribute to Elba the little town that she and her husband have grown to love.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Childs and Mr. Clark united in holy matrimony



Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Clark, Jr.

Summer Laine Childs of Statesboro, Georgia, became the bride of John Scott Clark, Jr. of Valdosta, Georgia, on July 23, 2005 during a seven o'clock evening ceremony held at Fletcher Baptist Church in Statesboro. Jason Roberts from Forrest Park Church of Christ in Valdosta officiated the ceremony. Jana Cram, pianist, provided music for the ceremony, while Cyndi Westberry was the soloist. Christy Hay of Macon Georgia, friend of the bride read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Childs of Statesboro, Georgia. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clark of Lake Park, Georgia.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white strapless gown with a corset back. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline and basque waistline sprinkled with rhinestones. The skirt was pleated and created a full A-line silhouette. The bride's two tiered veil was elbow length and lined with rhinestones. Her bouquet consisted of white and light pink roses tied with white ribbon and pearl accents.

Katie Childs, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda and Jenna Childs, sisters of the bride, and Kristy and Kacie Sweat, cousins of the bride. All wore white dresses. The bride carried a bouquet of light pink roses tied with pink ribbon and pearl accents.

Flower girls were Maggie and Molly Mizell and Emily Kate Reagan of Valdosta. They wore full-length light pink dresses and carried bouquets made from white stephanotis.

Johnny Clark, father of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman were Erik Copeland, Ashley Horne, and Ray Lilly of Valdosta and Chip Burnett of Pinetta Florida. Chase Ibarra of Lake Park served as junior groomsman. Ring bearer was Sullivan Harold, of Greenville, Alabama, cousin of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a dessert reception was held in the social hall of the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church.

The couple went on a cruise to Key West, Florida and the Bahamas for their honeymoon. They now reside in Valdosta.

C.C. Forestry Scholarship Program to hold annual pageant

The Coffee County Forestry Scholarship Program will be holding its annual pageant on February 12, 2006 at the Enterprise Civic Center at 2:30 PM.

Christine Elizabeth Whittaker named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities

Judson College is pleased to announce honorees named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Honorees include Christine Elizabeth Whittaker of New Birmingham-Southern College announces fall semester Dean's List

Wesley Kelley, of Elba, was one of more than 290 students were named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2005 term at Birmingham-Southern. Each student earned a 3.5 or better grade-point average while taking 16 or more credit hours during the fall semester.

Wesley is the son of Eddie and Jana Kelley and the grandson of Everett and Irene Kelley and Arlan and Sylvia Brown, all of Elba.

Birmingham-Southern is a four-year private institution that receives consistently high rankings as one of America's top liberal arts colleges.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary February 3rd



Donnie and Becky Morrow

We love you,
Joe, Donna, Karen
and their families

NEW ARRIVAL

KENNEDI GRACE GRIZZELL



Kennedy Grace Grizzell (Fuller) Grizzell announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Grace. She was born Nov. 6, 2005 at 2:21 a.m. at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Kenny and Marilyn Fuller of Elba and Glen and Mary Blair of Springhill, Tenn.

Kennedy Grace was welcomed home by her sisters, Tabatha Conway and Britney Grizzell.

Coffee County Education Retiree's hold January meeting in Elba

The Coffee County Education Retirees' Association held its monthly meeting on January 10, 2006 at the National Security Conference Center in Elba, Alabama. President Judy Killingsworth welcomed the retirees and recognized new members who were present for the first time. Killingsworth announced that Barbara Arnold was a candidate for AERA secretary. Janice Charlesworth, executive secretary of AERA, reported on legislative news from the Capitol. Diane Smith gave the inspirational message. The program was presented by Lynda Berry, CCERA member pop tabs. Peggy Storey and Barbara Arnold reported on Read Across America 2006. The AERA annual meeting will be held April 4 in Birmingham. Hostesses for the meeting were Dixie Dorsey, Peggy Storey, Pearl Kent, Lynda Berry, Elizabeth Lindsey, Becky Hayes, Ella Kate Ham, Diane Smith, Marsha Oggs, and Judy Killingsworth. National Security Insurance Company gave the treasurer's report and announced an updated membership of 226. Committee service forms were due, and everyone was encouraged to continue collecting aluminum pop tabs.

Birmingham-Southern

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Republican Women to meet Febuary 15th in Enterprise

Republican Women Of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on February 15th, 11:30 AM at Po-Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. This

months speakers are First Lady Patsy Riley and Wes Allen, a candidate for State Auditor. Everyone is welcome. For Info, Call Jan White 348-2451.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

DONNIE E. MORRIS

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Donnie E. Morris II has arrived for duty at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

Mr. Morris is a maintenance superintendent assigned to the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He is the son of Dixie A. Davis of Riverview, Elba, Ala.

Bradley's Florist & Gift Bridal Registry

Amanna Calhoun and Clint Martin
RaeAnn McCollough and Donny Day
Katie Crowe Parrish and Jamie Parrish

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Deadline for Social News
Is Monday!

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Bobby R. Holladay,
Westside Baptist Church

What we believe makes a difference

Practically every person claims that he believes in God. Few people claim to be atheist or agnostic. Most people claim to believe in God and claim to have some idea in their minds about what God is like. But note this: people's beliefs and ideas differ. Quickly think across the world at the different beliefs and ideas of God, the beliefs and ideas of the Muslims, the Buddhists, the Jews, the Hindus, the Christians and so on. In reality, there are just about as many ideas about God as there are people upon earth, for every person has his own mind, and within his mind his own idea of God. This fact brings about a critical question: Who is right? Whose belief and idea of God is correct? One thing is sure: God really exists and it is of utmost importance that we be correct in what we believe and think about Him. For someday we shall all stand before Him and give an account to Him.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God anointed to be the Savior of the world. He was anointed by God for a very special mission, the mission of coming to earth to save man and to give man eternal life. The person who believes that Jesus is the Anointed One of God, that He was sent into the world to save man, that person is given a new birth by God. A person who is "born of God" loves God. He cannot help loving God, for God does this wonderful thing for him. God recreates him into a new creature who will live forever in God's presence.

We should often get alone and meditate on the great love of God. The very thought that God sacrificed His Son to bear our sins is enough to break us in humble adoration. But we must take time to get alone and study the Scriptures that cover God's love and sacrifice. We must take time to meditate upon the great truth in order to see and understand it in all its depth and meaning.

A person who loves God will love other believers as well. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They too have been born of God and made into new creatures. Nothing keeps us from loving one another if we have truly been born of God. The person who is born of God loves God, and he loves all those who love God. He loves his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God makes all the difference here and hereafter. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). <http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=jn+13%3A34-35> NAS).

Opp Church of God to hold revival services February 6-10

Revival at the Opp Church of God with Pastor and Evangelist Greg Adkins is being held February 6-10 at 7:00 PM nightly, and everyone is welcome.

The church is located at 803 Virginia Ave., Opp, AL. For more information, call Pastor Buford Smith at 334-469-9200.

Round & About

With Eria
897-2006

SCRIPTURE:
REVELATIONS 1:1-20

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Foy Belcher, Bufus Tills Sr., Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Shirlee Belcher, Rev. Charles Lane, Rozetta Jack, Sandy Tidwell, Rev. John L. Grayer, Bettye Burcks, Henry Everett, Rev. Henry Shy.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Ronnie Caldwell-Feb. 1, Gregory Sowell, Jr., Feb. 1, Lula Cole-Feb. 2, Eria L. Belcher-Feb. 2, Vera L. Williams-Feb. 2 (I.M.O.), Nettie Ruth Lindsey -Feb. 5 (I.M.O.), Lucile L. Rideaux -Feb. 7 (I.M.O.).

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM to be held at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba, Sunday, February 12, during the morning worship service at 11:15 a.m.

Dea. Wiley Brooks-M.C. Bro. Tom Hooks-speaker. Rev. A.R. Williams Sermon or an appointee.

This program is dedicated in remembrance of loved ones who made history and those who are

making history now.

SCHOOL REUNION: A School Reunion is being planned for students who attended Elba Colored Elementary/ High School and Mulberry Elementary/ High School in Elba.

For additional information please contact Betty Refegee (334)897-5245; Elma Brock (334)894-6653; & Helen Crittenden (334)347-5432.

A meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

1902: On Feb. 1, Langston Hughes is born in Joplin, MO. He will become a prolific poet. 1934: Feb 5-Henry Hank Aaron, Major League baseball's future "home-run King" is born.

1926: Feb 7 begins the Observance of Negro History Week originated by Carter G. Woodson.

Today is a good day. be grateful - Eria.

Friends and Family Day to be celebrated at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Greater Springfield Sunday, February 12, at the Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton will be holding Friends and Family Day

Revival services planned at Mustard Seed Foundation for February 13-17

A revival will be held at The Mustard Seed Foundation located on County Road 207, Victoria, from February 13-17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The guest speaker will be Evangelist Barbara Rigby. For more information call George Sanders (334)897-6671 or Kelley Yaden (334)464-2673.

Gospel Singing to be held at Country Cathedral February 17th

The McKameys and The Dyess Family will be in concert February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Country Cathedral Assembly of God in Opp, Ala. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy. 84

East about 5 miles east of Opp.

Everyone is welcome and a love offering will be received. For more information visit www.countrycathedral.com or call 334-493-7413.

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FANON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Bernard Strickland Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Tim Gunnett, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Pastor: Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Billy Redd Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Levert Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Ashley Paulk-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Pastor: Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor: Ray Stinson, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Billy Berry Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC Pastor: W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: J. B. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Fred Fowler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Richard B. Moss, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Larry Grimm-Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Layton, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MULBERRY TRS. CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Pastor: Mary Stacey Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. CHURCH Pastor: Nathanial Fleming, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE Pastor: W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Nathanial Fleming, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Pastor: Lorent Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dennis Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Raulo Halliday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Randy Patterson Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Kenneth Hader, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND ROSE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Roy Lee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODEN CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Mike Moffitt, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: John Lee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: John Lee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p>
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Student Spotlight

by Shawanda Whitfield

This week we spotlight Tierney Starks.

Tierney is the 15-year-old daughter of James and Leslie Starks. She is an active member of Senior Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, marching and concert bands, and the most judging team. In her spare time, she enjoys talking on the phone, shopping, watching tv, and hanging out with her friends.

In the future, Tierney plans to attend UAB to either become an OBGYN or a pediatrician. When asked how she would describe herself, she says that she is a fun person to be around.



Tierney Starks

with a great sense of humor. Congratulations, Tierney, on being this week's student spotlight!!

Elba Elementary students participate in Math-a-Thon

by Lauren McClung

During November 2 through November 16, students from Elba Elementary School aided St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by participating in the Math-a-Thon.

St. Jude's opened in 1962 and has treated over 20,000 children from across the country and 60 foreign countries. Each year, more than 10,000 schools and almost 400,000 students participate in the Math-a-Thon.

A group this size usually brings in more than \$20 million in pledges for St. Jude's in Memphis, Tenn.

Math-a-Thon is in its 27th year and Elba Elementary School has participated in nine of those years. During this time, the school has raised \$13,490.02.

This year did not have the

participation that EES normally does," said sponsor Mrs. Shirlon Dye.

Only 12 students between 4th and 6th grades participated this year. However, these 12 students raised \$346.19.

How Math-a-Thon works is students are sent home a booklet or CD-Rom, a new feature during the last few years, with around 200 problems to work out. The kids go out and ask family members and friends to sponsor them (usually about a nickel or a dime per problem) or give a donation. They work out the problems and get their parents to check them and then collect the pledges.

For their effort the students will all receive a certificate. Students who raise \$35 or more also receive a t-shirt and a Six Flags admission ticket.

The more money raised, the

EES chooses student council representatives

by Kayla Kelley

The Elba Elementary School has recently chosen the second semester student council representatives.

These students were chosen by their peers to represent their class. Many of these students demonstrated characteristics that stood out above the rest, such as demonstrating pride in themselves and their school.

Leadership is another quality these representatives possess. The group plans on using these leadership skills as they engage in various activities and projects for Elba Elementary.

In February, the EES SCA will have a service project called "Pennies for President" and in March they will have a "Buy a Board" fundraiser for the city playground. In April, the SCA plans on giving Stanford Achievement Test incentives and motivation for EES students prior to the SAT and in May they will operate the Field Day concession stand.

The 2005-2006 EES SCA 2nd Semester Representatives are as follows: 3rd Grade-Daquin Austin, Chyna Solomon, Chance Johnson, and Maya



2005-06 Elba Elementary School SCA Second Semester Representatives

Matthews; 4th Grade-Denise Lockett, Saige Johnson, and Sarah Bryan; 5th Grade-JonAshley Amison, Austin Johnson, and Jessica Starks; and 6th Grade-Cordelia Hooks, Sage Kelley, Cormenda Coleman, and Aaliyah Horstead.

Seniors attend EOCC aviation campus

by Tori Brooks

On Friday, Jan. 20, a group of seniors from Elba High School traveled to the EOCC Aviation Campus.

The students toured the Aviation campus and were encouraged to consider a two-year degree from EOCC in Aviation Maintenance and Avionics. Instructors who were

able to explain their programs conducted the tour.

Representative Terry Spicer discussed with the students the new \$6 million facility being built for training as well as job opportunities after program completion.

The following students visited the EOCC aviation campus: Brittany Hudson, Chase Graham, Trey Grantham, Alan Willis, Michael Messer, Brandon

Harbuck, Richard Barlow, Daniel Myers, Jonathan Smith, Bradley Burdeshaw, Ben Coppage, Chad Williams, Drew Parker, Trey Davis, Tesha Lee, Shawn Abbott, Christi Stewart, Andrew Blenn, Juan Starks, Andrew Stoudemire, Jenae Wilson, Lewis Johnson, Anna Smith, Billy Crawford, Rashad Robinson, Sharika Lindsey, Tamara Oliver and Josh Hudson.

Ambassador officers attend excellence in leadership conference

by Judson Vaughan

On Friday, Jan. 20, the Elba High School Ambassador officers

attended an Excellence in Leadership Conference at Troy University put on by the university's freshmen Forum.

Freshmen Forum is Troy's freshmen leadership program consisting of 40 students chosen to represent the entire freshmen class.

During the afternoon, Judson Vaughan, Gale Olson and Duke Carr participated in many different aspects of leadership including team building, sessions with some of Troy University's finest, and "social skill building" games with their team, the Green team.

This was a chance for the group to see hands-on, different ways in how leadership in college differs from high school and exactly what we can do in a few short months. When all was

said and done, this event was a success in all aspects.

Special thanks is extended to Troy University for the invitation and for the continued support of Elba High School.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Duke Carr



This week's Co-Op Spotlight shines on Tori Brooks.

This 17-year-old senior is the daughter of Comer and Tina Brooks. Tori is currently employed at the local Subway where she has been employed for seven months. Tori considers herself to be a sandwich artist.

When she is not working, Tori is actively involved in a variety of activities throughout the school. She is currently the captain of the Varsity Cheerleading squad, a member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band, Danceline, an EHS Ambassador, a member of VICA, SGA representative, Sr. Beta Treasurer, Key Club, Vice-President of Girl Scout Troop #500, and a member of the journalism staff where she serves as one of the Elba Editors.

Tori is also actively involved in her church, the Elba First Assembly of God. She is involved in the drama team and teaches Sunday School for children ages 2-5.

After Tori graduates with honors from Elba High School, she plans on attending EOCC for two years and majoring in Child Development. From there she plans on transferring to Troy University to pursue a degree in elementary education so she can become a 2nd grade school teacher.

Elba Elementary School Menu

February 6 - 10, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on the Cob, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Spice Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hamburger, Helper Corn, Blackeyed Peas, Crackers, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Green Beans, Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Green Peas, Rice, Roll, Orange, Milk

Elba High announces second nine weeks honor rolls

****Note from School: It is important that parents and students understand that these honor rolls are based on 2 week averages - not final course grades (semester averages).**

"A" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Felisa Shondell, Kristin Marie Kelley, Molly Ann McClung, Robert Jesse White, Bethany Lynn Wilson
8th Grade: Leannna Jann Camley, Latofia Cherelle Culver, Jonathan T. Farmer, Justin Blake, McLaughlin, Donzel Neal, Kayla Rials
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Sportsmanship is missing in today's world

Editorial by Justin Corbitt

Sportsmanship is a quality of the game that is missing in today's world. A perfect example of this is the now ex-quarterback of the Virginia Tech Hokies, Marcus Vick.

Marcus Vick was a highly touted prospect his senior year in high school and many commentators compare him to his brother, Michael Vick, QB of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. Sadly, Marcus is just another example of an immensely talented athlete who is troubled by off-the-field issues.

His police record is long—he has been arrested for providing alcohol to underage girls, possession of marijuana, driving with a suspended license and most recently for brandishing a firearm.

During Virginia Tech's last game against Louisville, Marcus Vick showed what little respect and sportsmanship he has. After being tackled, he stomped on an opposing player's ankle. This was the final straw for the Virginia Tech administration, and they dismissed him.

I think Virginia Tech made the right decision when they dismissed Marcus Vick. They have the guts to dismiss a star player, whose brother just happens to be Michael Vick, maybe the school's greatest football player. Believe it or not, star athletes who play for a team do represent their college. It's about time that colleges take responsibility for the athletes that represent

important in the sports arena today as it was 40 years ago. The focus of today's game is winning, not being a good sport. Many legends of the game would be shocked at the behavior of some athletes behavior (a good example is the Minnesota Vikings and the sex boat scandal).

Sportsmanship is not as



New Brockton High School's Students of the Month for February include (left to right): Beth Vaughan, Ted Eubanks, Shelby Brown and Brandon Griswold.

Why do we say that?

by Callie Hollis

Have you ever wondered what the meanings of some phrases are? Like why hot summer days are called "dog days", how we say someone gets by "by the skin of his teeth", or the "whole kit and caboodle", and how did "hubba-hubba" become known as the modern wolf call?

Hot summer days became known as "dog days" because the ancient Romans believed that the Dog Star caused the six or seven hottest days of the summer. They believed that it rose with the sun and added its heat to the day.

The phrase "by the skin of your teeth" is a literal translation of Hebrew text, in the Book of Job. Since a person has no skin on their teeth, the expression means to get by with no margin at all.

A "whole kit and caboodle" comes from the Dutch word boedel, which means "effects", as in what a person owns. Robbers used the term, calling whatever they had stolen "boodle", and they carried their burglar's tools in a "kit". Eventually, the phrase was shortened to "caboodle", the "ca" standing for "kit". Then the "kit" was re-introduced, probably for emphasis.

And how did "hubba-hubba" come to be known as the "wolf call"?

The ancient Greeks believed that foreigners spoke in "non-sense syllables" – like foreign languages sounded like a bunch of "ba-ba" to them, and so they also called foreigners barbarians.

The American soldier in the Pacific during World War II thought, just like the Greeks did, that foreign languages were as he called it, just so much "hub-bub". Basing his choice on this word, he picked two non-sense syllables of his own to use in calling out upon seeing a native girl – "hubba-hubba".

Just Keep Trying: Q&A with Katie Donaldson

by Chelsea Dempsey

Have you ever been unable to play a sport or do something you really wanted to do?

I'm sure we've all experienced the frustration in one way or another, but we shouldn't let it keep us from trying. Just because Katie Donaldson couldn't play basketball doesn't mean she let it get her down. Now she's back on the team and having an awesome time.

Q: What does it feel like to be back out on the court?

A: It feels great to be back out there with my friends and teammates. I really love it.

Q: How hard have you had to work to get to play again?

A: I worked really hard and I will tell you two reasons why I worked that hard. The first is Ms. Rountree, because I love her and I hate disappointing her. Second, I love basketball.

Q: How committed are you to basketball?

A: I am committed. Ms. Rountree tells me all the time that she thinks I am because if I weren't, then I wouldn't have come to practice and worked hard when I couldn't even play because of my grades.

Q: What goes through your head when you're out on the court?

A: I have to do well and work hard because the team depends

on me. If it wasn't for the team and Ms. Rountree I wouldn't be playing today. So, I would like to say thanks, and I love all of you.



Lady Gamecock Katie Donaldson

Nursing Seminar offered at EOCC

The Enterprise campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be offering a NURSING SEMINAR for all health care workers on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Nurses will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, an organization approved by the Alabama Board

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Sibling rivalry alive at New Brockton High School

by Bethany Milligan

What we refer to as "sibling rivalry" is known as competition between brothers and sisters.

Rivalries usually develop because of competition for limited or scarce resources. Sibling rivalries have been present as long as anyone can remember.

Everyone knows the story of Cain and Able. Although competition is healthy, murder is not accepted here at NBHS!

One set of siblings who are often considered rivals on campus are the Sawyers. John and Anna Beth Sawyer believe that competition is the spice of life, but at the end of the day they are still family and they love each other.

Anna Beth admires John because of his leadership abilities. She also says that if she could beat John at one thing it would be to "outscore him in a nail-biting football game."

John loves Anna Beth because she loves him. John also says that Anna Beth is "nice." He says that if he could beat Anna Beth at one thing it would be receiving more of their parents' attention.

As we study sibling rivalry we find out that usually in a brother-sister relationship one sibling is athletic and the other is intellectual. We look to our own faculty sibling rivalry to observe this trait.

Coach Paul Marsh shows his unparalleled athletic ability serving as both the Boys' Basketball and the Girls' Softball Coach. Mrs. Lori Cunniff, however, shows her intellectual ability by filling her students with a plentiful wealth of knowledge.

But as everyone can observe, this brother-sister pair respects each other's attributes and works together peacefully.

It is human nature to be competitive, and the easiest person to have this competition with is someone with whom you have



Siblings John and Anna Beth Sawyer represent rivalry at its finest.

spent the most time - your sibling! Whether it's competing for your parents' attention or seeking

the approval of your peers, it's being in the limelight that makes this competition worthwhile.

Faculty Spotlight

by Kim Kilpatrick

NBHS faculty spotlight is

Hanna Whitt. Ms. Whitt teaches 11th grade Advanced American History. She also teaches 7th and 8th grade Social Studies, Reading and Contemporary Issues. This is her first year here at New Brockton High.

Ms. Whitt originally came from Zion Chapel High School and Auburn University at Montgomery. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, spending time with family and traveling.

Ms. Whitt says, "History is the subject that illustrates our mistakes and our glories as humans. Social studies, in general, is a subject that teaches students not only history, but introduces students to many cultures they may never experience."

Ms. Whitt reaches her students by letting them know she cares by attending balmages and being interested in their lives outside of school. The most important thing Ms. Whitt teaches to her students besides history or social studies is New



Hanna Whitt

life outside of high school and New Brockton and never to be afraid to experience new things.

She likes NBHS for the faculty and students and says, "It's like I returned home."

When asked what was one interesting thing people may not know about her she replied, "I like violent sports, such as ice hockey, bull riding, football, and soccer."

Ms. Whitt's pet peeve is when people don't pick up and clean after themselves. One of her memorable funny moments at NBHS was the homecoming faculty skit.

We're glad to have her!

The ABC's of New Brockton High

by Nicole Danley

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JACK KICHASE and LINDA KICHASE, Defendants

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DONE the 13th day of January, 2006.

/s/ Jeffrey W. Kelley Circuit Judge

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie got the chance to be a page last week at the Alabama House of Representatives and after being with the politicians for three days came home with a pretty good idea of just how things get done in Montgomery. She was amazed how the legislators could keep up with what was going on with all the meetings going on all across the House floor, found out in a hurry that lobbyists give tips, and came home convinced that Elba's Rep. Terry Spicer was a "pretty cool guy." Oh yea, she said she also had her picture made with Gov. Riley!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers wrapped up the area title last week with a home win over Highland Home and will now host the area tournament next week at the Elba High gym. The Tigers actually finished in a tie for the top spot with a 4-2 record, but won the tie-breaker over Luverne and will now face cross-county rival New Brockton in first round action. While the teams are seeded for the post-season tournament, the seedings will mean little since fourth seed New Brockton posted a win over top-seed Elba, Elba and second seed Luverne split their two meetings and Luverne and Highland Home split their regular season games. Any of the four teams in the tournament could win it, but I am sure Elba's Coach Glenn Johnson is happy his Tigers will be playing at home and is also hoping the Tiger fans will give his team a big home court advantage.

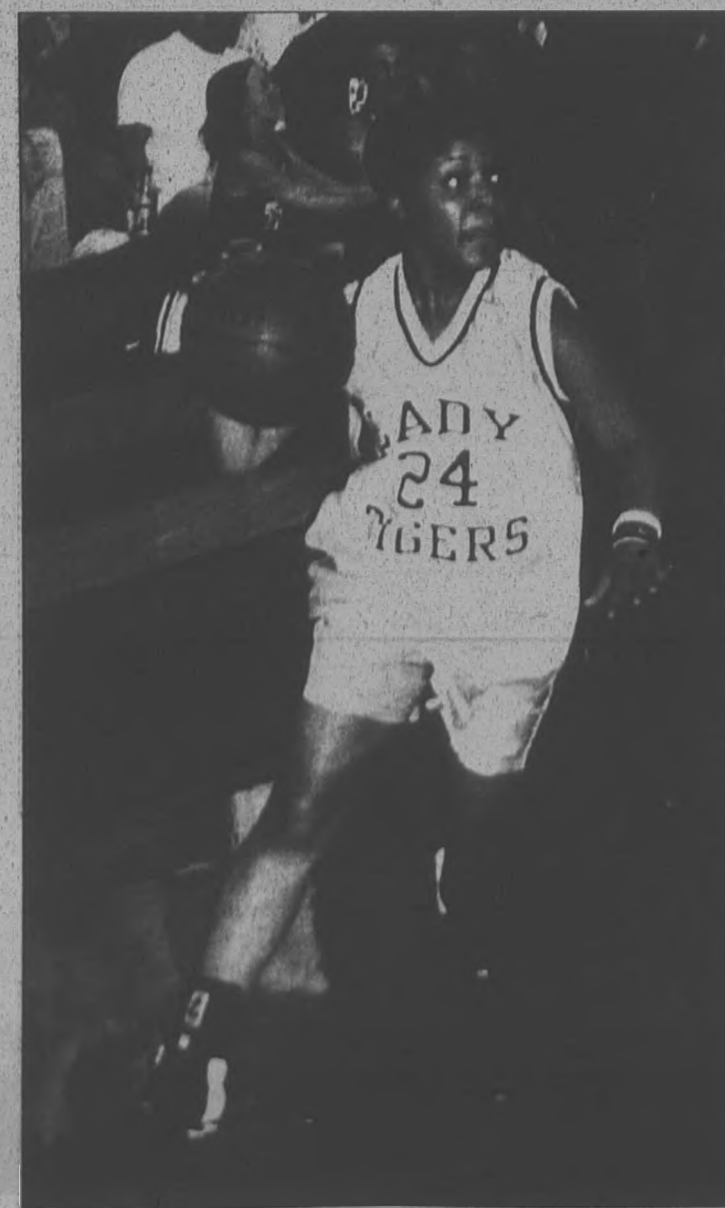
*** The Elba Lady Tigers placed second in the area standings behind Luverne, but should be okay since they will open the event against Highland Home, a team the Lady Tigers defeated twice during the regular season. The Elba girls have had an up and down season and need a couple of wins to finish with a winning record. However, the Lady Tigers are as good as any team in the four-team tournament and if they play like they can they should have an excellent chance to win the whole thing. This may not be Coach Leroy Carnley's best team, but it may be his best chance at winning the area tournament.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted their first win of the season last week with an overtime victory over Zion Chapel, and while that in itself is news, the game was also one for the record books. I talked with the clock operator at the game and he reported there were a total of 70 fouls called, nine players fouled out, and that the two teams combined to hit on 34 of 101 free-throws. The game lasted over two hours, twice as long as most games. However, I am sure the New Brockton players and fans didn't care when the clock finally reached 40 and the Lady Gamecocks had the win.

*** Brantley's "Person Brothers" will be honored at Auburn later this month when their jerseys are retired and hung in the rafters. The two Brantley standouts were question marks when they left their little 1A gym to play major college basketball, but while at Auburn all they did was make All-American three times, All-SEC six times, and leave the university as the school's leading all-time scorer and third all-time leading scorer. Everyone in this part of the state will claim they know the Person's personally and will share some stories, and I am in that crowd since I saw Wesley beat Elba almost by himself one night years ago at the Elba High gym. These young men have never forgotten where they come from and are proud to still call Brantley their home. That is what makes them everyone's friends!

*** Long time sports official Scotty Sauer died over the weekend at the age of 89, and I hope hundreds of area coaches show up at the funeral and throw candy to the man that did his best to let everyone have some fun while playing the game of basketball, baseball, softball and football. Scotty would make some coaches and fans mad during the game with his easy-going attitude and his habit of tossing candy to the players and fans, but after the game they would always stop and give him a hug before leaving the field of play. I heard stories over the years about Scotty calling college basketball for Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and umpiring a baseball game at which Babe Ruth was in attendance. I am not sure how many of the stories were fact and how many were fiction. However, one thing I do know is that he will be missed. Thanks, Scotty, you let us all know that a game was still just a game.

*** In closing... the high school sports scene gets real busy this time of the year as the basketball season reaches the area tournaments and the baseball and softball teams all begin practice. The overlapping sports calendar has long been a source of problems for many smaller schools across the state, but it can also be very exciting. Get ready high school fans, it is time to get a little crazy!!



ELBA LADY TIGER LEIGH ANNA BRYANT (24) dribbles toward the goal during recent girls action. The Lady Tigers finished second in the area with a big win last week over Highland Home. (Photo by Laura Basley)

Clinch area title

Tigers ground Flying Squadron 80-77

The Elba Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak and wrapped up the Class 2A, Area 3 basketball championship last Tuesday night by claiming a wild 80-77 overtime win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

The win upped Elba's record to 13-6 and gave the Tigers a final area record of 4-2, which gave the Tigers the home court advantage in the upcoming area tournament.

Elba came out determined to get back in the win column in the important area clash and behind the play of Mason Gulley jumped out to a 6-1 lead with 6:28 remaining in the opening stanza. Highland Home answered the early Elba run with a 6-0 run of its own to take a 7-6 lead midway through the quarter, and closed the quarter on a 15-6 run to open up a 15-12 advantage.

The Flying Squadron continued its dominance early in the second quarter as it moved ahead 26-16 with 3:44 left in the half. However, the Tigers' Shawn Abbott scored six points late in the stanza to spark an Elba rally that enabled the Tigers to pull within 34-28 at intermission.

Highland Home opened the third quarter with a 7-2 surt to take its biggest lead of the night at 41-30 with 5:33 remaining in the stanza, but the Tigers once again rallied and this time rode the three-point shooting of Brandon Kelley as they outscored the Squadron 19-7 to regain the lead at 49-48 with 1:31 still left in the quarter. The Elba rally brought the large home crowd to its feet, but it didn't scare the visitors from Crenshaw County as Highland Home scored the final five points of the quarter to move back on top 52-49.

LaRay Williams nailed a pair of free-throws with 5:30 left in the fourth quarter to pull Elba even at 55-55, while Brandon Kelley hit another three-point bomb with 1:51 remaining to put the Tigers back on top 62-61. Mason Gulley connected on two free-throws to up the Elba lead to 64-61. However, two Tiger turnovers allowed Highland Home to rally and the Flying Squadron sneaked back in front at 66-64 with only 32 seconds left on the clock. The

Lady Tigers rally late to post area win over Highland Home 62-46

The Elba Lady Tigers kept their area title hopes alive last Tuesday night by pounding the Highland Home Lady Squadron 62-46, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 7-8, 4-2 in area play, and assured the Lady Tigers of no worse than a #2 seed in the upcoming area tournament.

The game was close early on as Highland Home sneaked out to a 10-8 first quarter advantage, and pulled ahead 16-10 early in the second quarter. Elba's Whitney Lawford-sparked a late 9-6 run with two baskets and by the end of the half the Lady Tigers had cut the Highland Home lead to 22-19.

Highland Home scored first in the third quarter to take a 24-19 advantage, but Elba again staged a rally and this time grabbed the lead at 31-30 with 2:26 remaining in the quarter on a driving lay-up by LaFondra

Tigers' Shawn Abbott scored on a twisting lay-up with 20-seconds left to pull Elba back even at 66-66, and when the clock reached :00 the score was still tied at 66-66 as the two area rivals headed into overtime.

Highland Home jumped ahead early in the extra period and moved out to a 71-67 advantage, only to see Elba cut the lead to 71-69 on two free-throws by Mason Gulley, and then move back on top at 72-71 when Gulley pulled up and drained a three-pointer from behind the arc. The Tigers scored the next seven points of the overtime to complete a 12-0 run that gave Elba a 78-71 lead with 26-seconds remaining, and the Tigers held on in the closing seconds to claim the wild 80-77 win.

Mason Gulley scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 12 points and 5 rebounds and Brandon Kelley and Reymar Rodgers both scored 11 points. Dallas Arrington and Deymond Sankey both scored 20 points to lead Highland Home.

EL 12 16 21 17 14 - 80
HH 15 19 18 14 11 - 77

Elba (80): Gulley 23, Williams 9, Kelley 11, Abbott 12, Cooks 4, Logan 6, Rodgers 11, Stoudemire 4.

H.H. (77): Arrington 20, Dulancy 19, Harris 2, Bryant 10, Merriweather 2, Webb 2, McCall 2, Sankey 20.

(JV GAME)

The Elba JV Tigers continued to pile up the wins as they improved their record to 12-2 with a big 54-28 win over Highland Home. The Tigers owed a slim 20-13 lead at the half, but outscored Highland Home 22-4 in the third quarter to open up a 42-17 advantage and rolled to the win. Channing Morris scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Jordan McBride and Dustin Dorsey both added 8 points.

Elba (54): Respress 7, Mitchell 4, Bullard 2, Belcher 5, Morris 18, Dorsey 8, McBride 8, Tillis 2.

H.H. (28): Smith 5, Thomas 8, Montgomery 2, Merriweather 3, Harris 2, Gipson 4, Graham 4.

Highland Home cut the Elba lead to 36-32 early in the final stanza, but the Lady Tigers scored the game's next 10 points to take a commanding 46-32 lead with 5:45 still left on the clock. Elba controlled the tempo in the closing minutes and easily held on to close area play with the big 62-46 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 27 points and had 5 steals to lead Elba, while Janae Carnley added 14 points and grabbed 6 rebounds and Whitney Lawford scored 9 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. Jessica Merriweather scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Highland Home.

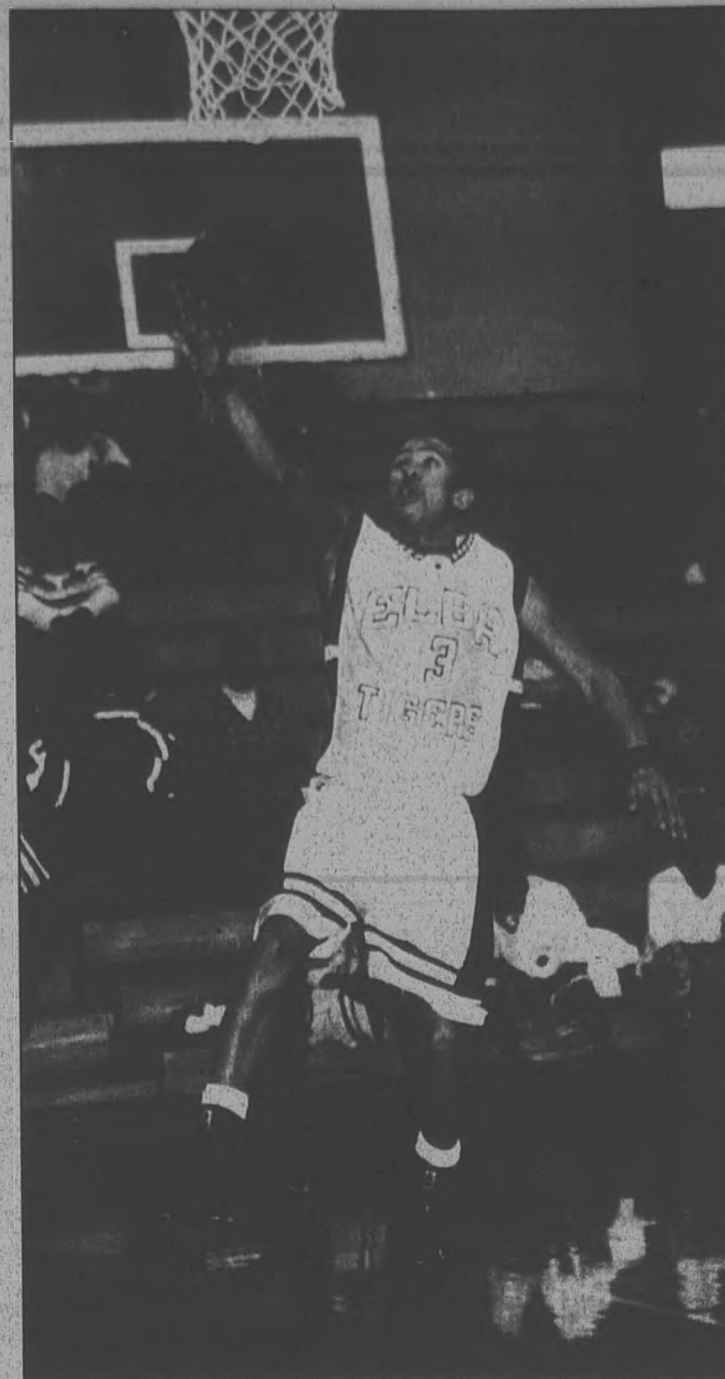
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ELBA TIGER MASON GULLEY (3) drives in for a lay-up during recent high school basketball action. Gulley scored 23 points to lead the Tigers to an exciting 80-77 overtime win over Highland Home. (Photo by Laura Basley)

Chuck and Wesley Person to have jerseys retired

Auburn University will honor two of its all-time basketball greats on Saturday, Feb. 18, when Brantley's Chuck and Wesley Person have their jerseys retired at the LSU game.

Auburn has retired only two jerseys in its rich basketball history, and the Person's will join John McNeel and Charles Barkley as the only others to have their jerseys and numbers retired.

Chuck Person, now an assistant coach with the NBA's Indiana Pacers, was a two-time All-American in 1985 and 1986 and a three-time first-team All-SEC selection. He is Auburn's all-time leading scorer with 2,311 points and led the Tigers to their deepest NCAA tournament

run in 1986. Person played 13 seasons in the NBA and earned Rookie-of-the-Year honors after being picked fourth in the NBA draft by Indiana.

Wesley Person was an Associated Press All-American in 1994, a three-time All-SEC selection and ranks third all-time in scoring with 2,066 points. He is also Auburn's all-time leader in 3-pointers made (262) and 3-point percentage (.441). He averaged 22.2 points a game to lead the SEC in both scoring and in 3-point field goals as a senior in 1994. He finished his 11-year NBA career last season with the Miami Heat and is now an assistant coach at Brantley High School.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Kinston at Zion Chapel (VG-VB) 5:00

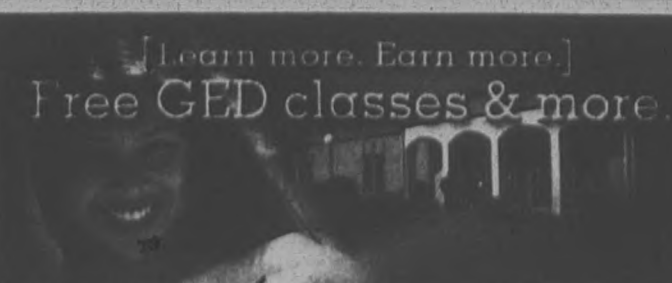
FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Elba at Opp (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

New Brockton at Geneva County (VG-VB) 5:00

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Elba at Straughn (JV-VG-VB) 4:30



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Action is non-stop in Elba youth basketball leagues

Following are highlights from last week's action in the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation:

GIRLS 8 AND UNDER

Elba Black 6 Elba Gold 3 - The Elba Black pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past the Elba Gold 6-3. Scoring for the Elba Black were Paris Person 3, Lacy Mount 2 and Shay Hammonds 1. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Jessilyn McKenzie 2 and Garian Ware 1.

BOYS 8 AND UNDER

Elba White 19 Elba Gold 14 - The Elba White pulled ahead early and never looked back to down the Elba Gold 19-14. Scoring for the Elba White were Martavious Gray 8, Griffin Martin 5, Cavossea Stinson 2, DaQuan Diehl 2, Chance Johnson 1 and Brosnan Cooks 1. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Kaleb Martin 8 and Jeffery Perdue 6.

BOYS 10 AND UNDER

Elba White 21 Elba Black 17 - The Elba White pulled ahead early and held on late to claim an exciting 21-17 win over the Elba Black. Scoring for the Elba White were Nick Green 9, Harry Griffin 8, John Thomas Austin 2 and Matthew Miller 2. Scoring for the Elba Black were Rahem Newson 5, Coke Goosby 4, Kyson Edwards 4, Reid Riels 2 and Jocelyne Newson 2.

Opp Lakers 23 Temple Hornets 6 - The Opp Lakers led all the way to post a 23-6 win over the Temple Hornets. Scoring for the Opp Lakers were Brady Vidich 8, Colt Harold 6, Trevor Huckabaa 4, Keith Edgar 2, Trey Phillips 2 and Lane Foster 1. Scoring for the Temple Hornets were Derek Savage 2, LaQuin Lane 2, Stefan Caldwell 1 and Obajee Henderson 1.

Opp Hawks 20 Elba White 19 - The Opp Hawks posted an exciting 20-19 win over the Elba White. Scoring for the Opp Hawks were Dillan Clark 10, Brady Jowers 7, Darius Savage 2 and Hayden Nobles 1. Scoring for the Elba White were Harry Griffin 13, Logan Bailey 2, John Thomas Austin 2 and Matthew Miller 2.

6 AND UNDER BOYS

Elba Black vs. Elba Gold - Scoring for the Elba Black were Walter Craighead, Braxton Robinson, Jameer Whitfield and Kendra Jordan. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Jeron Register and Juandarius Reed.

GIRLS 10 AND UNDER

Elba Black 11 Zion Chapel Rebelettes 9 - The Elba Black scored late to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebelettes 11-9. Scoring for the Elba Black were Shae Sams 6, A.J. Whitfield 3 and Ty Carpenter 2. Scoring for the Zion Chapel Rebelettes were Lizzie Carnley 5 and Kelsey Sanders 4.

GIRLS 12 AND UNDER

Elba White 32 Temple Sparks 1 - The Elba White pulled ahead early and rolled to a big 32-1 win over the Temple Sparks. Scoring for the Elba White were Kimberly Perdue 10, Kei-Auna Edwards 8, Jacquetta Whitfield 6, Belinda Pitts Jones 6 and Karizmah Yelverton 2. Scoring for the Temple Sparks was Sierra Hines 1.

Zion Chapel 10 Temple Sparks 1 - Zion Chapel led all the way to down the Temple Sparks 10-1. Scoring for Zion Chapel were Lydia Mills 6 and Paige Gibson 4. Scoring for the Temple Sparks was Briana Kinead 1.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL BRIEFS

Varsity Boys

Brantley outscore Panthers in overtime 87-84

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted Georgiana last Monday night and outscored the Panthers 87-84, in overtime. Jeffery Daniels scored 29 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Kevin Pitts added 23 points and grabbed 17 rebounds and Dexter Daniels scored 10 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Also scoring in double digits for Brantley were Rashad Smiley with 12 points and Thad Frazer with 10.

Gamecocks drop overtime title to Bulldogs 54-50

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Geneva County Bulldogs last Monday night and dropped a 54-50 overtime decision. Rashard Andrews scored 17 points to lead New Brockton, while Jeremy Williams scored 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Geneva County.

New Brockton drops area clash to Luverne 60-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out area play last Tuesday night with a 60-48 loss to the Luverne Tigers. In New Brockton, Rashard Andrews scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Fred Hawkins scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Tigers.

Brantley Bulldogs roll past Zion Chapel 72-58

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed a big area win last Tuesday night by rolling past the Zion Chapel Rebels 72-58. Kevin Pitts and Wesley Person scored 16 points apiece to lead the Bulldogs, while Rashad Smiley added 12 points and 10 rebounds, Jonathan Austin scored 12 points and Terry McClain scored 10 points.

Kinston Bulldogs ripped by Wildcats 77-34

The Kinston Bulldogs battled the highly-ranked Florala Wildcats last Tuesday night and got ripped 77-34. Ramsey Phillips scored 10 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Robby Evans scored 22 points and Kyle McCoy added 16 for the Wildcats, ranked #2 in the state in Class 2A.

Brantley Bulldogs defeat Pleasant Home 81-73

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Pleasant Home Friday night and posted a wild 81-73 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Dexter Daniels scored 17 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Kevin Pitts and Rashad Smiley both added 17 points. Derrick Taylor and Josh Dozier both scored 17 points for Pleasant Home.

Zion Chapel Rebels fall to Providence 61-40

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their season long victory drought continue Friday night with a 61-40 loss to Providence Christian. In

(Photo by Laura Basley)

Youth Basketball SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 2

In Elba.

12 and Under Boys

5:30 - Elba vs. Opp

6:30 - Temple vs. Opp

Saturday, Feb. 4

In Elba.

10 and Under Girls

10:00 - Elba vs. Temple

12 and Under Girls

11:00 - Elba vs. Rebelettes

12:00 - Elba vs. Zion Chapel

Monday, Feb. 6

In Opp.

10 and Under Boys

6:30 - Temple vs. Opp

In Elba.

10 and Under Boys

(Photo by Laura Basley)

12 and Under Boys

6:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba White

Tuesday, Feb. 7

In Elba.

6 and Under Boys

5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold

8 and Under Boys

6:30 - Elba White vs. Elba Gold

Thursday, Feb. 9

In Opp.

10 and Under Boys

5:30 - Elba White vs. Opp

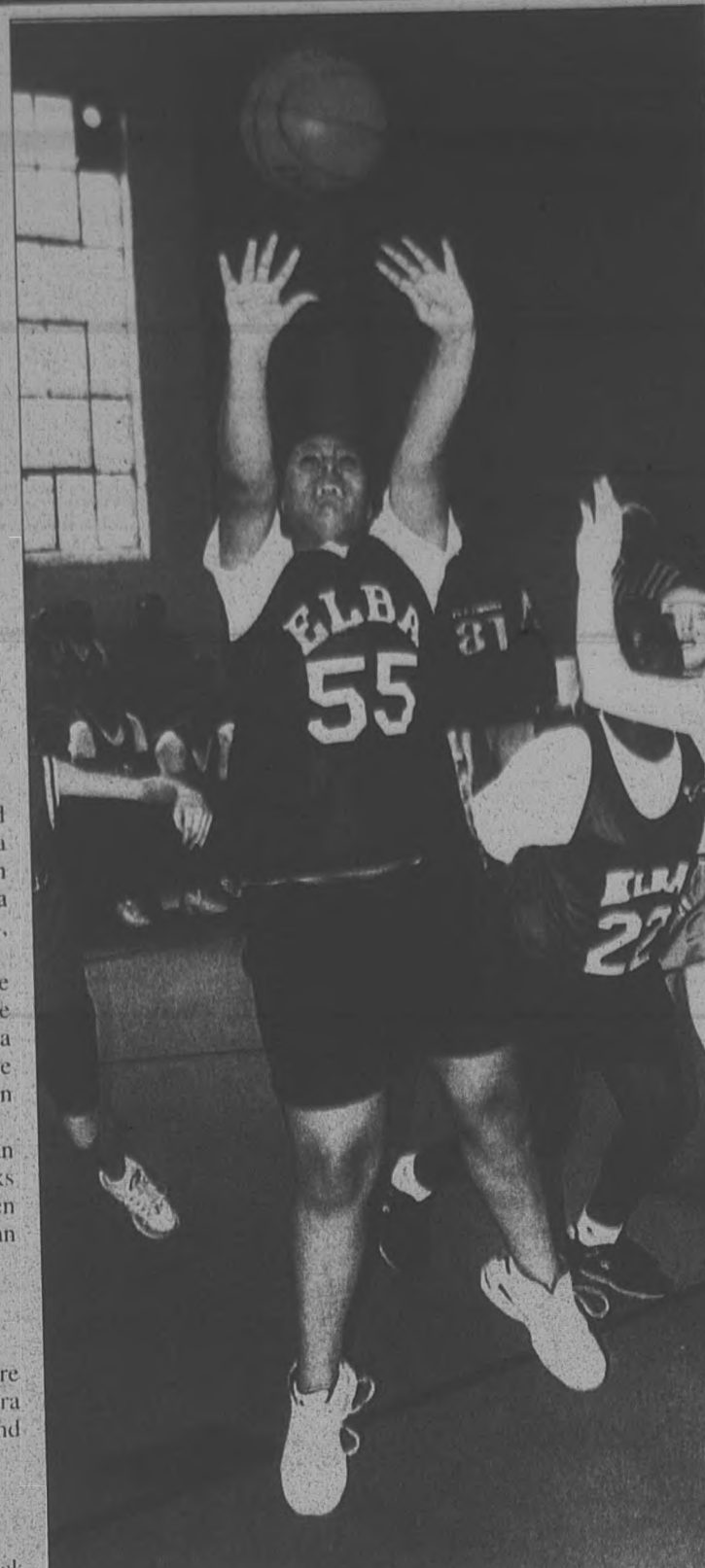
In Elba.

8 and Under Girls

5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba White

10 and Under Girls

6:30 - Elba Black vs. Temple



ELBA'S KIMBERLY PERDUE (55) goes up for a hot in recent girls action in the Elba Youth Basketball League. Perdue scored 10 points Saturday to lead Elba to a big 32-1 win over Temple. (Photo by Laura Basley)



LADY BULLDOG BASKET ... a Brantley Lady Bulldog scores from inside during recent high school basketball action. The Lady Bulldogs posted two area wins last week. (Photo by Laura Basley)

Brantley Lady Bulldogs outscore Zion Chapel 72-58

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard last Tuesday night in posting a 72-58 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Toranda Randall scored 15 points, pulled down 16 rebounds and blocked 10 shots to lead Brantley, while Sherry Gulley added 19 points. Elisha Person scored 16 and Jessica Daniels scored 14.

Lady Gamecocks drop area clash to Luverne 37-23

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks held their own for three quarters before running out of gas in a 37-23 loss to Luverne last Tuesday night in New Brockton. Sharicka Brantley scored 19 points to lead Luverne to the area win.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs flatten Florala 56-43

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted their 16th win of the season last Tuesday night by rolling past the Florala Lady Wildcats 56-43. In Florala, Brittany Hunko scored 16 points to lead Kinston, while Kaleigh Sanders added 11 and Caitlin Tindell scored 10. Reva Odum scored 27 points to lead Florala.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs run past Lady Eagles 71-58

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their late-season surge Friday night with a 71-58 win over the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. In Pleasant Home, Toranda Randall scored 10 points, grabbed 23 rebounds and blocked 7 shots to lead Brantley, while Sherry Gulley scored 21 points and Elisha Person scored 10.

Lady Rebels drop road clash to Providence 50-32

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels traveled to Dothan Friday night and suffered a 50-32 setback to Providence Christian. Tara Holloway scored 22 points to lead Providence, while Andrea Charlton and Melanie Howell both added 8 points.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs tripped by Shields 39-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs hosted the J.F. Shields Lady Panthers Friday night and dropped a 39-31 area decision. Candace Patterson scored 13 points and Kaleigh Sanders added 11 to lead Kinston, while Tykya Robinson scored 14 points to lead J.F. Shields.

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